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REMARKS

Claims 27-48 are pending in the application. Claims 44-48 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 27-43 and 45-47 have been amended, new claim 48 has been added, and claims 22-26 have been canceled by the present amendment. In particular, claims 28-43 and 45-47 have been amended to correct claim dependencies.

As an initial matter, the specification has been amended to include section headings, as suggested by the Examiner. Moreover, the title has been amended to more clearly indicate the invention to which the claims are directed.

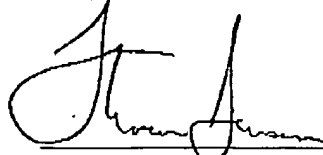
Claim 27 has been amended to delete reference to the "thin covering layer" which can cover the recess in the auxiliary carrier, thereby obviating the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph and the drawing objection with respect to claim 27.

New dependent claim 48 incorporates the language deleted from claim 27. Claim 48 recites: "the recess in the auxiliary carrier is covered with a thin covering layer." The thin covering layer is fully described in the specification as originally filed. For example, on page 4, lines 19-26, the auxiliary carrier is described as having a recess which "is covered by a thin, light-permeable covering layer formed from said auxiliary carrier" (emphasis added). As described in the paragraph on page 7, line 29 to page 8, line 4, the recess can be formed by anisotropic etching, and the covering layer has a thickness of less than or equal to 50 μ m. With reference to page 11, line 27 to page 12, line 3, the covering layer covers the recess 2a and is left in place when etching the recess. Moreover, a light beam passes through the covering layer, which absorbs only a small quantity of light (e.g., less than or equal to 10% of light) (see also page 13, lines 1-5). Therefore, the specification clearly teaches that a thin covering layer can be formed which covers the recess in the auxiliary carrier, and it is respectfully asserted that the subject matter of claim 48 is clearly described in the specification. Moreover, it is not believed necessary to amend the drawings to show the covering layer on the recess 2a, as the above-cited description would provide sufficient guidance to one of ordinary skill in the art.

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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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